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1. THE REFTEL REPORT INDICATING THAT HAFERKAMP HAS LEARNED THAT BARRE IS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE EC COMMISSION'S MTN APPROACH -- SPECIFICALLY THE TARIFF FORMULA -- IS OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST. WHILE WE MAY NOT GET CONFIRMATION LOCALLY VERY SOON, USEC'S REPORT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE STATESMANLIKE AND FLEXIBLE APPROACH BARRE HAS TAKEN ON THE MTN. IT CONTRASTS WITH THAT OF ROSSI, CERTAIN FRENCH OFFICIALS, AND THE PATRONAT. (SEE PARTICULARLY REFTEL B REPORTING AMBASSADOR STRAUSS'S SEPTEMBER MEETING WITH BARRE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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REFTEL C REPORTING AMBASSADOR MCDONALD'S RECENT MEETING WITH PAYE AND DE MOREL.) WE NOTE ALSO THAT THE ELYSEE STAFF HAS APPARENTLY NOT YET GOTTEN THE MESSAGE (REFTEL D).

2. CAUTION IS STILL NECESSARY IN ASSESSING THE FRENCH POSITION, HOWEVER. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO FINAL FRENCH

GOVERNMENT DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON TARIFF FORMULA.
AND BARRE MAY YET BE SUBJECTED TO CONSIDERABLE INTERNAL
PRESSURE ON THIS MATTER. IN ANY CASE, GIVEN BARRE'S
PRESENT DIFFICULTIES INVOLVING DOMESTIC RESISTANCE TO
HIS ANTI-INFLATION MEASURES AND VARIOUS ELECTORAL
CAMPAIGN COMPLICATIONS, WE BELIEVE US INTERESTS ARE

SERVED BY GOING ALONG WITH HIS DESIRE TO AVOID
PUBLICITY ON THE 40 PERCENT FIGURE FOR AS LONG AS
POSSIBLE.
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